

TABLE B-39.—*Civilian labor force participation rate and employment/population ratio, 1955–2001*  
 [Percent;<sup>1</sup> monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Year or month	Labor force participation rate						Employment/population ratio							
	All civilian workers	Males	Females	Both sexes 16-19 years	White	Black and other	Black	All civilian workers	Males	Females	Both sexes 16-19 years	White	Black and other	Black
1955 .....	59.3	85.4	35.7	48.9	58.7	64.2	.....	56.7	81.8	34.0	43.5	56.5	58.7	.....
1956 .....	60.0	85.5	36.9	50.9	59.4	64.9	.....	57.5	82.3	35.1	45.3	57.3	59.5	.....
1957 .....	59.6	84.8	36.9	49.6	59.1	64.4	.....	57.1	81.3	35.1	43.9	56.8	59.3	.....
1958 .....	59.5	84.2	37.1	47.4	58.9	64.8	.....	55.4	78.5	34.5	39.9	55.3	56.7	.....
1959 .....	59.3	83.7	37.1	46.7	58.7	64.3	.....	56.0	79.3	35.0	39.9	55.9	57.5	.....
1960 .....	59.4	83.3	37.7	47.5	58.8	64.5	.....	56.1	78.9	35.5	40.5	55.9	57.9	.....
1961 .....	59.3	82.9	38.1	46.9	58.8	64.1	.....	55.4	77.6	35.4	39.1	55.3	56.2	.....
1962 .....	58.8	82.0	37.9	46.1	58.3	63.2	.....	55.5	77.7	35.6	39.4	55.4	56.3	.....
1963 .....	58.7	81.4	38.3	45.2	58.2	63.0	.....	55.4	77.1	35.8	37.4	55.3	56.2	.....
1964 .....	58.7	81.0	38.7	44.5	58.2	63.1	.....	55.7	77.3	36.3	37.3	55.5	57.0	.....
1965 .....	58.9	80.7	39.3	45.7	58.4	62.9	.....	56.2	77.5	37.1	38.9	56.0	57.8	.....
1966 .....	59.2	80.4	40.3	48.2	58.7	63.0	.....	56.9	77.9	38.3	42.1	56.8	58.4	.....
1967 .....	59.6	80.4	41.1	48.4	59.2	62.8	.....	57.3	78.0	39.0	42.2	57.2	58.2	.....
1968 .....	59.6	80.1	41.6	48.3	59.3	62.2	.....	57.5	77.8	39.6	42.2	57.4	58.0	.....
1969 .....	60.1	79.8	42.7	49.4	59.9	62.1	.....	58.0	77.6	40.7	43.4	58.0	58.1	.....
1970 .....	60.4	79.7	43.3	49.9	60.2	61.8	.....	57.4	76.2	40.8	42.3	57.5	56.8	.....
1971 .....	60.2	79.1	43.4	49.7	60.1	60.9	.....	56.6	74.9	40.4	41.3	56.8	54.9	.....
1972 .....	60.4	78.9	43.9	51.9	60.4	60.2	59.9	57.0	75.0	41.0	43.5	57.4	54.1	53.7
1973 .....	60.8	78.8	44.7	53.7	60.8	60.5	60.2	57.8	75.5	42.0	45.9	58.2	55.0	54.5
1974 .....	61.3	78.7	45.7	54.8	61.4	60.3	59.8	57.8	74.9	42.6	46.0	58.3	54.3	53.5
1975 .....	61.2	77.9	46.3	54.0	61.5	59.6	58.8	56.1	71.7	42.0	43.3	56.7	51.4	50.1
1976 .....	61.6	77.5	47.3	54.5	61.8	59.8	59.0	56.8	72.0	43.2	44.2	57.5	52.0	50.8
1977 .....	62.3	77.7	48.4	56.0	62.5	60.4	59.8	57.9	72.8	44.5	46.1	58.6	52.5	51.4
1978 .....	63.2	77.9	50.0	57.8	63.3	62.2	61.5	59.3	73.8	46.4	48.3	60.0	54.7	53.6
1979 .....	63.7	77.8	50.9	57.9	63.9	62.2	61.4	59.9	73.8	47.5	48.5	60.6	55.2	53.8
1980 .....	63.8	77.4	51.5	56.7	64.1	61.7	61.0	59.2	72.0	47.7	46.6	60.0	53.6	52.3
1981 .....	63.9	77.0	52.1	55.4	64.3	61.3	60.8	59.0	71.3	48.0	44.6	60.0	52.6	51.3
1982 .....	64.0	76.6	52.6	54.1	64.3	61.6	61.0	57.8	69.0	47.7	41.5	58.8	50.9	49.4
1983 .....	64.0	76.4	52.9	53.5	64.3	62.1	61.5	57.9	68.8	48.0	41.5	58.9	51.0	49.5
1984 .....	64.4	76.4	53.6	53.9	64.6	62.6	62.2	59.5	70.7	49.5	43.7	60.5	53.6	52.3
1985 .....	64.8	76.3	54.5	54.5	65.0	63.3	62.9	60.1	70.9	50.4	44.4	61.0	54.7	53.4
1986 .....	65.3	76.3	55.3	54.7	65.5	63.7	63.3	60.7	71.0	51.4	44.6	61.5	55.4	54.1
1987 .....	65.6	76.2	56.0	54.7	65.8	64.3	63.8	61.5	71.5	52.5	45.5	62.3	56.8	55.6
1988 .....	65.9	76.2	56.6	55.3	66.2	64.0	63.8	62.3	72.0	53.4	46.8	63.1	57.4	56.3
1989 .....	66.5	76.4	57.4	55.9	66.7	64.7	64.2	63.0	72.5	54.3	47.5	63.8	58.2	56.9
1990 .....	66.5	76.4	57.5	53.7	66.9	64.4	64.0	62.8	72.0	54.3	45.3	63.7	57.9	56.7
1991 .....	66.2	75.8	57.4	51.6	66.6	63.8	63.3	61.7	70.4	53.7	42.0	62.6	56.7	55.4
1992 .....	66.4	75.8	57.8	51.3	66.8	64.6	63.9	61.5	69.8	53.8	41.0	62.4	56.4	54.9
1993 .....	66.3	75.4	57.9	51.5	66.8	63.8	63.2	61.7	70.0	54.1	41.7	62.7	56.3	55.0
1994 .....	66.6	75.1	58.8	52.7	67.1	63.9	63.4	62.5	70.4	55.3	43.4	63.5	57.2	56.1
1995 .....	66.6	75.0	58.9	53.5	67.1	64.3	63.7	62.9	70.8	55.6	44.2	63.8	58.1	57.1
1996 .....	66.8	74.9	59.3	52.3	67.2	64.6	64.1	63.2	70.9	56.0	43.5	64.1	58.6	57.4
1997 .....	67.1	75.0	59.8	51.6	67.5	65.2	64.7	63.8	71.3	56.8	43.4	64.6	59.4	58.2
1998 .....	67.1	74.9	59.8	52.8	67.3	66.0	65.6	64.1	71.6	57.1	45.1	64.7	60.9	59.7
1999 .....	67.1	74.7	60.0	52.0	67.3	65.9	65.8	64.3	71.6	57.4	44.7	64.8	61.3	60.6
2000 .....	67.2	74.7	60.2	52.2	67.4	66.0	65.8	64.5	71.8	57.7	45.4	65.1	61.6	60.8
2001 .....	66.9	74.4	60.1	50.0	67.2	65.8	65.4	63.8	70.8	57.3	42.7	64.4	60.7	59.7
2000:Jan .....	67.3	74.9	60.3	51.9	67.5	66.0	66.2	64.6	71.9	57.8	45.3	65.2	61.4	60.9
2000:Feb .....	67.4	75.1	60.3	52.0	67.6	66.4	66.6	64.6	72.1	57.8	44.9	65.2	61.8	61.4
2000:Mar .....	67.3	74.9	60.3	51.8	67.6	65.9	65.9	64.6	72.0	57.8	44.9	65.2	61.6	61.0
2000:Apr .....	67.4	74.8	60.6	52.9	67.7	66.1	66.1	64.8	71.9	58.2	46.2	65.4	61.8	61.2
2000:May .....	67.2	74.7	60.3	52.5	67.3	66.1	65.9	64.5	71.8	57.7	45.7	65.0	61.5	60.7
2000:June .....	67.2	74.7	60.3	52.4	67.4	66.2	65.8	64.5	71.8	57.8	46.1	65.1	61.6	60.6
2000:July .....	67.0	74.7	64.1	51.4	67.3	65.7	65.4	64.3	71.5	57.6	44.5	64.9	61.2	60.3
2000:Aug .....	67.1	74.8	60.0	53.0	67.4	65.9	65.5	64.3	71.8	57.4	45.6	65.0	61.4	60.4
2000:Sept .....	67.0	74.5	60.1	51.9	67.3	65.6	65.3	64.3	71.5	57.6	45.2	64.9	61.5	60.5
2000:Oct .....	67.0	74.6	60.1	52.0	67.2	66.0	65.7	64.4	71.6	57.7	45.4	64.9	61.7	60.8
2000:Nov .....	67.1	74.6	60.1	52.0	67.2	66.3	66.0	64.4	71.6	57.7	45.3	64.9	62.0	61.1
2000:Dec .....	67.2	74.7	60.2	52.2	67.4	66.0	65.8	64.5	71.6	57.9	45.4	65.0	61.9	60.8
2001:Jan .....	67.2	74.7	60.3	51.7	67.4	66.3	66.0	64.4	71.5	57.9	44.7	65.0	61.7	60.6
2001:Feb .....	67.1	74.4	60.3	50.9	67.4	66.0	65.6	64.3	71.3	57.8	44.1	64.9	61.6	60.6
2001:Mar .....	67.2	74.4	60.5	51.1	67.4	66.2	65.8	64.3	71.2	57.9	44.1	64.9	61.4	60.3
2001:Apr .....	67.1	74.5	60.1	50.4	67.3	65.9	65.5	64.1	71.1	57.5	43.2	64.6	61.2	60.1
2001:May .....	66.9	74.3	60.0	49.3	67.0	65.7	65.3	63.9	70.9	57.5	42.5	64.4	61.1	60.0
2001:June .....	66.8	74.2	60.0	50.2	67.0	65.7	65.6	63.8	70.7	57.3	43.0	64.4	60.9	60.0
2001:July .....	66.8	74.2	60.0	49.8	67.1	65.8	65.3	63.8	70.8	57.3	42.5	64.3	61.0	60.0
2001:Aug .....	66.6	74.1	59.8	47.7	66.9	65.7	65.3	63.4	70.3	56.9	40.2	64.0	60.4	59.4
2001:Sept .....	66.9	74.4	60.0	49.7	67.1	66.1	65.6	63.6	70.7	57.0	42.3	64.2	60.7	59.8
2001:Oct .....	66.9	74.4	60.0	49.8	67.2	65.6	65.2	63.3	70.3	56.9	42.2	64.0	60.0	59.0
2001:Nov .....	66.9	74.3	60.0	49.4	67.2	65.4	64.9	63.1	69.9	56.8	41.6	63.8	59.6	58.5
2001:Dec .....	66.8	74.2	60.0	48.2	67.0	65.6	65.4	63.0	69.9	56.5	40.4	63.6	59.6	58.7

<sup>1</sup> Civilian labor force or civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population in group specified.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-35.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.